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Application Number	
Filing Date	February 4, 2004
Art Unit	
Examiner Name	

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**LOCKING FOLDING KNIFE WITH GAS SPRING**

the specification of which

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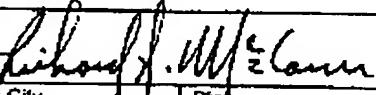
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